(ii) 7 cells in the Female block to accommodate 14 prisoners;

(iii) 3 wards in the Hospital to accommodate 18 prisoners;

(iv) 3 wards in quarrantine shed to accommodate 26 prisoners;

(v) 4 wards in the Civil block to accommodate 16 prisoners;

Total 127 cells, and 10 wards for 234 prisoners.

(b) The number of prisoners on 4th Vrischigam 1112 was 241.

(c) Yes.

(d) In 71 cells.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—May I know where these seven prisoners over and above the 234 are kept?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—More than one prisoner is accommodated in some rooms.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad.*)— Are three prisoners locked up in the same cell?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—Sometimes, according to the space in the rooms. In one or two cases, there might be.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).— Is it not undesirable to lock up more than one prisoner in the same cell?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—It is certainly undesirable. The fact that there is want of accommodation was brought to the notice of Government by the Honorary Visitors of the Jail. But the difficulty is that certain rooms are now used as store rooms for keeping the Jail products, etc. The construction of separate store rooms is already engaging the attention of Government and the necessary funds will be included in the next year's budget. Another factor is the increase in the number of prisoners during the last two or three years.

Income-tax — Application for refund of excess collected.

137. **Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** (*Cheruvirithi*).—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:—

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(1) the number of applications received for refund of a certain portion of the income tax paid by them as per the amended Cochin Income-tax Regulation in accordance with the notification of the India Government regarding the division of income-tax;

(2) how many applications have been received by the Government from such aggrieved parties who are liable to pay income tax in the State as well as in British India;

(3) is the Government prepared to appoint a fresh committee to go dispassionately into the question of refund of the excess of income-tax already collected as per the old Regulation from those who have already applied for refund?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—(1), (2) and (3) It is not possible to give any answer as the questions are not definite.

Economic Survey Reports—action taken.

138. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether final orders were passed on the Economic Survey Reports ;

(b) if so, when;

(c) what are the terms of the order;

(d) whether the Government have drawn up any comprehensive scheme for rural uplift and rural reconstruction?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—(a), (b) and (c). Heads of Departments have submitted proposals arising out of the Survey Report. The proposals received are being examined.

(d) No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*— May I know some of the outstanding recommendations received from Heads of Departments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—The Diwan Peishkar has sent up a Report, the Excise Commissioner had made one and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has also made one. There are several other Heads of Departments who have submitted reports.

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